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**NORTH CAROLINA VOLUNTEERS TO SUPPORT HOMELAND SECURITY**

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Mike Easley announced today North Carolina’s participation in Citizens Corps, a newly created nationwide volunteer initiative focused on homeland security.

“It is imperative that we be motivated by compassion for our fellow citizens more than by contempt for our enemies,” said Easley. “We must focus our energy on helping those who are hurt and protecting future acts of violence.”

Citizen Corps, a component of USA Freedom Corps, will engage North Carolina volunteers in specific homeland security efforts in their local communities. Easley said that the goal of Citizen Corps will be to have people of all ages participate in making their communities safer, stronger and better prepared for preventing and handling threats of terrorism, crime and disasters of all kinds.

USA Freedom Corps was created in an effort to help people answer the call to service by strengthening and expanding service opportunities for them to protect our homeland and support our communities.

Faye Stone, Deputy Executive Director of the N.C. Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service in the Governor’s Office, will serve as the Director of Citizen Corps.

Additional information about USA Freedom Corps and Citizen Corps is available on the Commission’s website at [www.volunteernc.org](http://www.volunteernc.org).

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